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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
(INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS)  
DIRECTOR, NAVY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE  
UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS)

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to Approve Sharing of Foreign Liaison Officer (FLO) and  
Cooperative Program Person (CPP) Duties

Paragraph E2.1.7 of DoD Directive 5230.20 provides that foreign government representatives described in a Cooperative Program International Agreement as liaison officers or observers are not considered Cooperative Program Personnel (CPP) and shall be treated as Foreign Liaison Officers (FLOs) in accordance with the directive. Furthermore, paragraph E6.2.2.1 states that CPPs shall not act in a dual capacity as an official or employee in the multinational project office and as a liaison officer for their government (e.g., FLO) while assigned to a DoD Component. These provisions were included in DoDD 5230.20 due to concerns expressed by your departments during development of the directive.

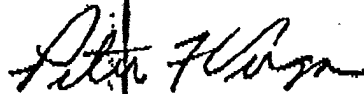
Since FLO and CPP positions are created using differing U.S. legal authorities, the costs of supporting an individual in a FLO billet are reimbursed differently than those supporting an individual in a CPP billet. Similarly, costs of any claims associated with the two types of assignments may accrue to different accounts. Disclosure arrangements, memorialized in a Delegation of Disclosure Authority Letter (DDL), and need-to-know access determinations will also be different for the two different types of billets in the majority of cases.

It has come to my attention that the policy precluding simultaneous occupancy of FLO and CPP positions by the same individual may not always represent the best interests of the U.S. Government with respect to several existing cooperative programs and perhaps other FMS programs. The Foreign Visits Working Group, on which all of your departments are represented, has recommended increased flexibility in this area, in those specific programs where the program international agreement negotiators and departmental senior management agree that the interests of the program, the U. S. Government and the foreign government would be best served by permitting one individual to serve both as a FLO and a CPP.

Therefore, I hereby delegate to you, without authority for re-delegation, authority to approve on a case by case basis for a CPP also to perform FLO functions. Approvals must establish arrangements to ensure that such dual assignments would not be detrimental to the cooperative program involved and that responsibilities and funding for the liaison officer functions are properly included in the pertinent LOA. Additionally, appropriate disclosure and claims issues, as well as contact officers, must be identified. Exceptions will not be permitted



for exchange officer positions. Please notify my Director, International Security Programs, in writing of each exception you approve, along with the arrangements established for the position.



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